

# NEWS and NOTES

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### ALAMEDA

The fourth annual **Merritt Hospital medical seminar** held under the auspices of the hospital staff September 1 and 2 was attended by 230 physicians. This was the largest attendance since the seminars were instituted in 1946. Physicians were present from Yreka to Santa Barbara at the invitation of members of the staff and officers of the hospital.

The guest speakers were Dr. Frederick A. Collier, professor of surgery, University of Michigan Medical School, and Dr. Edwin G. Bannick, clinical professor of medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine. The program consisted of two formal presentations by each of the visiting speakers, two clinico-pathological conferences and two staff presentations.

In addition, both guest speakers addressed a regular meeting of the Alameda County Medical Society held the night of September 1. Dr. Bannick discussed "The Diagnosis and Management of Functional Complaints" and Dr. Collier presented the subject, "Indication for and Results of Splenectomy."

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### CONTRA COSTA

Appointment of **Dr. Warren A. Ketterer** as assistant health officer for Contra Costa County was announced recently by **Dr. W. A. Powell**, county health officer. Announcement of Dr. Powell's intention to retire November 30 of this year, when he reaches the age of retirement under county regulations, was made several months ago.

### LOS ANGELES

**Dr. Max S. Dunn**, professor of chemistry, has been appointed faculty research lecturer for 1949-50 on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

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The first of a series of short-term courses on **complete care of the poliomyelitis patient** will be offered in November at the Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles. Presentation of the courses is aided by a grant from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The one-week course for physicians, November 7 through November 11, covers the problems of the patient from onset to optimum recovery, with special emphasis on the physician's use of ancillary services. Announcement of the course says that it is "particularly recommended for orthopedists, pediatricians and general practitioners who desire an orientation in the over-all care of the patient viewed as a total individual."

Courses for registered nurses and physical therapists will be given from November 7 through November 18.

Further information may be had by writing to **Charles L. Lowman, M.D.**, 2400 Flower Street, Los Angeles 7, California.

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The School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine of the College of Medical Evangelists sponsored, during the month of August, the first **course in tropical diseases** to be given in a foreign country to undergraduate United States medical students. Eleven senior students spent three weeks in Vera

Cruz, Mexico, where they heard lectures, studied advanced laboratory pathology and diagnosis, and saw clinical demonstrations of prevailing diseases of that tropical area. A fourth week was spent in Mexico City where special lectures were offered at the Institute of Health and Tropical Diseases by the medical faculty of the University of Mexico.

**Dr. Harold Mozar**, director of the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine, said that a similar course is planned for next summer.

Invitation to hold the summer session at the Boca del Rio Experimental Station was extended by the Ministry of Public Health and Welfare of Mexico at the suggestion of **Dr. Alonzo Hardison**, director of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Mexico.

### SAN BERNARDINO

**Dr. Warren Fox**, formerly health officer for San Bernardino County, and for the past year health officer for the City of San Bernardino, has resigned that post because of ill health, according to recent announcement by Mayor James Cunningham.

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Dr. Robert Evans**, associate professor of medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine, and **Dr. Paul G. Hattersley** of the department of medicine of the same school, have been appointed Pacific Area medical consultants to the **National Blood Program** of the American Red Cross. The two California physicians, and consultants in other areas, will advise the Red Cross medical staff on scientific and medical aspects of the program.

### SANTA BARBARA

**Dr. Helen Hart** last month was appointed health officer for the City of Santa Barbara. She succeeds **Dr. C. T. Roome**, who retired from the post after 14 years of service. At the same time, **Dr. Nils W. Bouldan**, **Dr. Roome** and **Dr. Hart** were appointed medical members of the City Health Board.

### SONOMA

The **Sonoma County Medical Society** was host for the annual four-county meeting of the medical societies of Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties on August 11. Held at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club, the meeting was attended by over 100 physicians. The supper meeting featured addresses by **Dr. R. Stanley Kneeshaw**, president of the California Medical Association, State Senators **F. Fresley Abshire** and **Luther E. Gibson** and Assemblyman **Richard McCollister**. All spoke on the general subject of compulsory health insurance.

### GENERAL

The third annual **California Rural Health Conference** will be held at the Hotel Senator, Sacramento, October 29, 1949. This conference is being organized by the California

## POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

### American College of Physicians

Course: The Physiological Approach to Clinical Problems in Cardiovascular Disease.

Date: December 5 through December 10, 1949.

Fee: \$30.00, A.C.P. members and V.A. (P. L. 346); \$60.00 non-members.

Contact: George C. Griffith, M.D., F.A.C.P., Director; University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles 33, California.

### California Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians

Course: Diseases of the Chest.

In cooperation with the University of California Medical School and Stanford University School of Medicine.

Date: December 5 through 9, 1949.

Contact: Stacy R. Mettier, M.D., Medical Extension, University of California Medical Center, San Francisco 22, California. Fee and printed program supplied on requests including veterans.

### College of Medical Evangelists, Graduate School of Medicine

Course: Otolaryngology.

Date: November 1 through December 20, 1949.  
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fee: \$30.00.

Course: Genito-urinary Diseases.

Date: November 14 through November 18, 1949.  
Daily 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$50.00.

Course: Diseases of the Kidneys.

Date: November 15 through December 20, 1949.  
Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Fee: \$25.00.

Courses in Internal Medicine, Dermatology, Functional Diseases in General Practice, General Urology, Neurology, Proctology, Cardiology, Ophthalmology and Varicose Veins will be offered in January and March of 1950.

Contact: H. M. Walton, M.D., Dean, Graduate School of Medicine, College of Medical Evangelists, 312 No. Boyle Avenue, Los Angeles 33, California.

### University of California, Los Angeles

Course: A series of lectures in the Basic Sciences as applied to Bone and Joint Surgery will be sponsored by the Division of Orthopedic Surgery, General Medical and Surgical Hospital, Veterans Administration Center, Los Angeles, and the Orthopedic Hospital of Los Angeles. The complete series will extend over a two-year period, with a total of 40 lectures, 20 sessions per year.

Contact: Office of Medical Extension, University Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24, California.

### University of Southern California

Full time and short courses are conducted by the faculty of the School of Medicine using the facilities of affiliated institutions.

Course: 831. Internal Medicine, 9 months, 40 hours per week, general and specialty services.

Date: December 5, 1949.

Fee: \$750.00, also G. I. students.

Contact: Edward C. Rosenow, Jr., M.D., Director, Medical Extension Education, University of Southern California, School of Medicine, Los Angeles County General Hospital, Box 158, 1200 North State Street, Los Angeles 33, California.

### Stockton Postgraduate Study Club

Meetings will be held in the Lecture Hall, Stockton State Hospital, in the Psychopathic Hospital Building on Magnolia Street.

October 20 (Thursday), 8 p.m.—“Common Benign Diseases of the Rectum and Anus,” Dr. Walter Birnbaum, Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of California.

October 27 (Thursday), 8 p.m.—“Clinical Allergy—Its Diagnosis and Treatment,” Dr. Albert H. Rowe, Lecturer in Medicine and Allergist, Medical School, University of California.

November 17 (Thursday), 8 p.m.—“Surgical Diseases of the Biliary Tract,” Dr. Wm. Longmire, Jr., Chairman Department of Surgery of School of Medicine, University of California at Los Angeles.

December 8 (Thursday), 6:30 p.m.—Annual Dinner Meeting (place to be announced).

“Recent Developments in Virus Diseases and Their Treatment,” Dr. Karl F. Meyer, Director of Hooper Institute Foundation for Medical Research.

Contact: C. A. Broadus, M.D., Chairman, 242 N. Sutter Street, Stockton, California.

Medical Association Committee on Rural Medical Service, with the cooperation of the California Farm Bureau Federation, the State Grange, the Parents and Teachers Association, state and county health departments, and various other interested organizations.

The conference subject will be “The Migratory Worker and Rural Health.” Announcement of the conference said that “this is one of the greatest rural health problems in this state and by nature one of the most difficult to attack

due to the many variable factors.” The medical, economic, hospitalization and public health aspects will be covered both by formal presentations and by panel and open discussions.

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The American Goiter Association again offers the Van Meter Prize Award of \$300 and two honorable mentions for the best essays submitted concerning original work on problems related to the thyroid gland. The award will be

made at the annual meeting of the association which will be held in Houston, Texas, March 9, 10, and 11, 1950, providing essays of sufficient merit are presented in competition.

The competing essays may cover either clinical or research investigations; should not exceed 3,000 words in length; must be presented in English; and a typewritten double spaced copy in duplicate sent to the corresponding secretary, Dr. George C. Shivers, 100 East St. Vrain Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, not later than January 15, 1950.

A place will be reserved on the program of the annual meeting for presentation of the prize award essay by the author, if it is possible for him to attend. The essay will be published in the annual proceedings of the association.

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The U. S. Air Force Medical Service will commission **300 civilian physicians** now serving as internes, as first lieutenants on active duty with the Air Force Medical Reserve Corps, Major General Malcolm C. Grow, Surgeon General of the Air Force, announced recently. **Eligible to receive commissions** are medical school graduates now serving internships at approved hospitals, who have at least six months of internship remaining. Physicians who are so commissioned will serve two months of active duty for each month of internship as commissioned members of the Medical Reserve Corps.

Upon completion of active duty tours, officers who apply and are selected as members of the regular Air Force Medical Corps will be eligible for participation in the Air Force residency program to be conducted at civilian and military hospitals.

Full information may be obtained upon written request to the Officer's Procurement Branch, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, Washington 25, D. C.

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The official **form for reporting work injuries** by physicians and surgeons as required by law has recently been revised by the State of California Department of In-

dustrial Relations. Use of the new form will be mandatory beginning January 1, 1950, and after that date no other forms will be accepted by the department.

As in the case of the old form, supplies of the new form, which bears the title **Doctor's First Report of Work Injury, Form 5021**, will be available upon request to the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Department of Industrial Relations, P.O. Box 965, San Francisco 3. As heretofore, workmen's compensation insurance carriers will also reproduce the forms and supply them to physicians and surgeons.

Every physician and surgeon who attends an employee injured as a result of a work accident or occupational disease is required by law to file a report directly with the Division of Labor Statistics and Research. **The reports are to be filed immediately**—in no event later than seven days after the first treatment.

At the present time the Department of Industrial Relations does not require any medical report other than the Doctor's First Report of Work Injury. Forms for bills, progress reports and final reports to insurance companies are supplied to physicians and surgeons by the companies. These latter reports need not be filed with the Department of Industrial Relations.

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The American Urological Association has announced the opening of competition for its **annual award of \$1,000** (first prize of \$500, second prize \$300 and third prize \$200) for essays on the result of some clinical or laboratory research in urology. Competition will be limited to urologists who have been in such specific practice for not more than five years and to residents in urology in recognized hospitals.

**The first prize essay** will be read on the program of the meeting of the American Urological Association, to be held in Washington, D. C., May 29-June 1, 1950.

Full particulars may be had from the secretary of the association, Dr. Charles H. de T. Shivers, Boardwalk National Arcade Building, Atlantic City, N. J. Essays must be in his hands before February 20, 1950.

